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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 28, 31, 32, 35 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compounds
2. ☒ Claims Nos.:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 7-10, 12, 24-26 completely and 13,19, 23, 27-35, 38, 41 partly

Claims relating to antagonists (claim 7), ligands (claims 8-10) , peptide mimetics (claim 12) or to compounds which either enhance or decrease the expression of the polypeptides of claims 1-4 (claims 24-26) as well as claims referring thereto have not been searched since NONE of such compounds have been disclosed in technical (structural) terms in the application making a meaningful search impossible.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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